
By: **Washington County Delegation**
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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Notice of Intent to Lease**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that property that is leased by Washington County for
4 a certain amount of money be advertised in a certain manner; amending certain
5 requirements for advertising the intent of the Washington County
6 Commissioners to convey or acquire real property; and generally relating to
7 advertising the intent of the Washington County Commissioners to lease real
8 property to another person or entity.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 The Public Local Laws of Washington County
11 Section 1-301
12 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
13 (1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 22 - Washington County**

17 1-301.

18 (A) (1) The County Commissioners may lease, sell, at either public or private
19 sale, and convey or otherwise dispose of and convey any interest in real estate held by
20 the County Commissioners and no longer needed for public use.

21 (2) The COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' intent to sell, dispose of, or convey,
22 except in the case of a conveyance made between the county and any federal, state or
23 local government, shall be advertised in a newspaper of general distribution in the
24 county, once a week for 3 successive weeks.

25 (3) (I) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADVERTISE THEIR
26 INTENT TO LEASE REAL PROPERTY TO ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY IF THE
27 MONTHLY RENT FOR THE REAL PROPERTY IS GREATER THAN \$2,000.

1 (II) The COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' intent to lease real property
2 DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH shall be advertised at least
3 once in a newspaper of general distribution in the county.

4 (B) [(2)] (1) The County Commissioners may buy at public or private sale or
5 accept without consideration any real estate which in their judgment is useful to
6 Washington County.

7 (2) [However, funds] FUNDS USED TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE
8 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS SUBSECTION may not be expended from the
9 general fund of the county for the acquisition of real property under this [section]
10 SUBSECTION unless:

11 (I) a public hearing has been held on the [matter] MATTER; and

12 (II) the proceeds from sales of all existing school facilities, school
13 lands, and other properties presently used for school facilities and titled in the name
14 of the county [and/or] OR branch, department or derivative of the county are paid
15 into the "Special School Fund" for school construction and repairs created by the
16 Washington County School Bond Act of 1963.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2003.